(b) Composition of the Committee is as follows:

Justice Rajindar Sachar	Chairperson
Shri Saiyid Hamid	Member
Dr. T.K. Ooman	Member
Shri MA Basith	Member
Dr. Rakesh Basant	Member
Dr. Akhtar Majeed	Member
Dr. Abu Saieh Shariff	Member Secretary.

(c) to (e) Meetings are held as per requirement and the Committee has to present its report by June 2006.

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship

1311. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

whether Government have revised the eligibility criteria for award for Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SCs/STs;

if so, the details thereof;

the original criteria which was approved by the Planning Commission in August, 2004;

the reasons for changing the eligibility criteria;

if so, the details thereof;

if so, the details thereof;

if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) whether the Planning Commission has taken strong objection to this unilateral change in the eligibility criteria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (h) The eligibility criteria and other modalities have been worked out in consultation with Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Human Resource Development and the Planning Commission. The scheme is in the final stage of consideration.